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            SUMMARY: TEP REPORT DISCUSSES SILKWORM SALES TO IRAN, THE L-8 TRAINER AND F-7M FOR THE PLAAF, ATTEMPTS TO SELL AIRCRAFT TO LATIN AMERICAN, AND AIRCRAFT SALES/PRODUCTION
            IN GENERAL

TEXT: 1

(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 424,1.4 (c)

VARIOUS CHINESE AVIATION TOPICS. INCLUDING SILKHORM
MISSILE SALES. THE L-8 TRAINER. THE F-7M FIGHTER.
AIRCRAFT SALES TO LATIN AMERICA, AND CHINESE AIRCRAFT
           PRODUCTION IN GENERAL.

2. SILKWORM MISSILES (b)(1),1.4 (c)

OF AVIATION INDUSTRY (MAI) CAN GUARANTEE UNEQUIVOCALLY
THAT IT HAS NEVER SOLD SILKWORM MISSILES TO TRAN, EITHER
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY THROUGH ANOTHER COUNTRY. HOWEVER,
"WHO KNOWS WHAT POLY TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED HAS DONE."
         L-8 TRAINER (b)(1),1.4 (c)

DOES NOT PARTICULARLY LIKE THE L-8 TRAINER BEING
DEVELOPED AT THE NANCHANG AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURING CORP
(NAMC). NOR HAS THE PLAAF DECIDED TO BUY ANY L-8. HOWEVE
(D)(1),1.4 (c)

THE AIR FORCE HAS NO CHOICE AND WILL
BE FORCED TO BUY THEM WHEN THE TIME COMES.

4. THE F-7M FIGHTER (b)(1),1.4 (c)

PLAAF HAS PURCHASED SOME F-7M'S, BUT CONSIDERS THEM TO
TOO EXPENSIVE. AT THE SAME TIME, MAI IS NOT EAGER TO
SELL ANY MORE F-7M'S TO THEM BECAUSE THEY ONLY PAY IN
RENMINBI, NOT INGHORD CURRENCY. AS A RESULT, MAIGLOSES
MONEY BEGAUSE MANY OF THE F-7M'S COMPONENTS, SUCH AS
THE GEC HEADS UP DISPLAY, ARE PURCHASED FROM ABROAD WITH
HARD CURRENCY.
        HARD CURRENCY.

5. TO AIRCRAFT SALES TO LATIN AMERICA (b)(1),1.4 (c)

MAI WAS ACTIVELY TRYING TO SELL AIRCRAFT TO ARGENTINA,
CHILE, AND BRAZIL, BUT HAS HAD NO SUCCESS SO FAR. IF
THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL, THEY WOULD ESTABLISH A SUPPLY
DEPOT SOMEWHERE IN LATIN AMERICA. ALTHOUGH AIRCRAFT
SALES WOULD HELP CHINA ECONOMICALLY OVERALL, MAI WILL
NOT GAIN THAT MUCH. THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT THOSE
COUNTRIES WILL NOT PAY CASH, BUT WILL TRADE GOODS FOR
THE AIRCRAFT. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, IN TURN, WILL
PAY MAI IN RENMINBI. HOWEVER, IF THE AIRCRAFT HAVE ANY
FOREIGN PARTS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL PAY MAI IN FOREIGN
CURRENCY (PRIMARILY USD) FOR THOSE PARTS (b)(1),1.4 (c)

MOST FOREIGN COUNTRIES WANT SOME TYPE OF MODIFI-
CATIONS WHICH REQUIRE FOREIGN PARTS. AS A RESULT, THIS
CAUSES PROBLEMS IN DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION TIME, COST,
AND PARTS ACQUISITION FOR THE AIRCRAFT FACTORY, AND MEANS
THE GOVERNMENT MUST USE MORE HARD CURRENCY TO PAY MAI.

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THE AIRCRAFT AT EXTREMELY LOW PRICES JUST TO MAKE THE
DEAL.

AIRCRAFT AT EXTREMELY LOW PRICES JUST TO MAKE THE
            HARD CURRENCY
(b)(1),1.4(c)
         6. AIRCRAFT COSTS (b)(1),1.4 (c) THAT IF A CUSTOMER ORDERS AN AIRCRAFT, BUT IT IS NOT DELIVERED UNTIL SOMETIME LATER, THE COST IS THE PRICE OF THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME END OF MESSAGE
           DEAL.
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THE CONTRACT IS SIGNED. HONEVER, IF MAI OFFERS A CONTRACT BUT THE CUSTOMER DELAYS SIGNING IT UNTIL LATER, THEN MAI IS ALLOWED TO ADD ONLY A SIX PERCENT INCREASE PER YEAR. IN THE LONG RUN, MAI LOSES BECAUSE PRODUCTION COSTS ARE INCREASING MUCH MORE THAN SIX PERCENT ANNUALLY.

7. (b)(1).14(c) ANOTHER PROBLEM FOR MAI'S AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION IS THAT ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF MAI'S INCOME NOW COMES FROM NON-AVIATION COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS. AS A RESULT, SOME OF THE FACTORIES THAT MAKE AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS ARE NOW USING THE SAME MATERIALS AND MANPOWER TO MAKE CIVILIAN PRODUCTS, WHICH BRING IN MORE MONEY. (b)(1),(b)(3):10USC 424.14 (c) THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT
TO CONVEY WAS THAT MAI DOES NOT MAKE THE
SILKWORM (THE MINISTRY OF ASTRONAUTICS DOES). AND MAI WAS
NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR SILKWORM SALES TO TRAN. (b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 424,1.4 (c) IS CERTAIN THE PLAAF HAS ABOUT 20-25 F-7M'S.

IT IS ALSO APPARENT THAT THE PLAAF WILL NOT ACQUIRE ANY
MORE BECAUSE OF THEIR COST. //IPSP: (U)(b)(3):10 USC 424 //COMSOBJ: PROJ: INSTR: (Ŭ) (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424,(b)(3):50 USC 403-1(i) ACQ: DISSEM: (Ŭ) WARNING: DECL CASE END OF MESSAGE NNNN NNDD